

independence, and direct access to the President have been critical to its success. With these attributes intact, I am confident that USTR will continue to fulfill its mission effectively and commendably for the next 50 years.

Today, I honor USTR on its 50th anniversary, the 16 men and women who have served as the U.S. Trade Representative, and the thousands who have proudly served under them. I wish USTR the best for another 50 years.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JASON C.
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HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Taiwan's Ambassador to the United States, Jason C. Yuan, for his service in the United States and his recent appointment as Taiwan's National Security Advisor.

I also would like to wish Taiwan a happy anniversary for her upcoming anniversary on October 10th. Known as double ten day, this will mark Taiwan's 101st year.

With so much turmoil in the world today, the region along the Taiwan Strait is one of the important places where hostilities are decreasing. Taiwan has forged constructive partnerships with China, and there is a working peace between the two countries. Much of this can be credited to President Ma's leadership and the policies he has instilled.

Since President Ma became president, there have been numerous daily flights between the two countries, large increases in tourism between China and Taiwan, and a pooling of joint resources to reduce crime along the Taiwan Strait.

Happy anniversary to Taiwan, and thanks to President Ma for his part in maintaining peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT
OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 48 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial tomorrow in Washington, DC through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Harry Barber, U.S. Army; Clarence Carnahan, U.S. Army; Elmer Hendricks, U.S. Army; Burl Jarrell, U.S. Army; Melvin McCoy, U.S. Army; Lowell Miller, U.S. Army; Walter Orum, U.S. Army; Wilburt Rathke, U.S. Army; Fred Riggs, U.S. Army; Willard Runion, U.S. Army; Dennison Thomas, U.S. Army; Frank Vaughan, U.S. Army; Harley Hess, U.S. Army Air Forces; Marion Kirkham, U.S. Army Air Forces; Urban Kluthe, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert Mitchell, U.S. Army Air Forces; Roland Stewart, U.S. Army Air Forces; Francis Ellmers, U.S. Air Force; Jack Keeler, U.S. Air

Force; Milton Kelm, U.S. Air Force; John O'Brien, U.S. Air Force; Robert Stubblefield, U.S. Air Force; Walter Lowblad, U.S. Coast Guard; Billie Tracy, U.S. Coast Guard; Harvard Lewis, U.S. Marine Corps; William Sexton, U.S. Marine Corps; Muriel Yandle, U.S. Marine Corps; Douglas Smith, U.S. Merchant Marine; Adam Bachmann, U.S. Navy; James Bratton, U.S. Navy; Richard Davis, U.S. Navy; Joseph Doyon, U.S. Navy; James Dunn, U.S. Navy; Teddy Freeman, U.S. Navy; Thomas Gibbons, U.S. Navy; William Jordan, U.S. Navy; James Kohl, U.S. Navy; James Lancaster, Sr., U.S. Navy; William Matthias, U.S. Navy; Warren McCoy, U.S. Navy; Jerald Muck, U.S. Navy; Franklin Nolan, U.S. Navy; Leonard Premelaar, U.S. Navy; Vance Strunk, U.S. Navy; Leonard Swanzey, U.S. Navy; Walter Thompson, U.S. Navy; Frank Spiegel Jr., U.S. Navy; Richard Watson, U.S. Navy.

These 48 heroes join more than 100,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, DC, to reflect at the memorials built in their honor.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Dick and Erik Tobiason and Michael and Cindy Jensen for their tireless work with Honor Flight of Oregon.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. RUTH
COYNE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Ruth Coyne, the former "first lady" of Brooklyn, Ohio.

Ruth was the wife of John M. Coyne, the former mayor of Brooklyn. She attended Rhodes High School and met John at a dance at Our Lady of Good Council. They were married at Old Pete's Wayside Inn on November 30, 1940. John went on to serve as mayor for an astounding 52 years, from 1947 to 1999. Ruth provided support for her husband throughout the years and came to be loved by the community. The couple was married for 72 years.

Ruth is remembered fondly by everyone she encountered. Councilwoman Kathleen Pucci has said that, "She exemplified grace, dignity and style. She genuinely cared about our community and its residents."

In addition to her role as "first lady," Ruth was a loving citizen and mother. She was the mother of four, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of fifteen. She always put her family first.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in memory of Mrs. Ruth Coyne, a woman who spent her long life working for others, and who

will be greatly missed by her family and the City of Brooklyn.

RECOGNIZING TALBOT HILL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Talbot Hill Elementary School, located in Renton, Washington, for being named one of the "Coolest Schools in America" by Parent & Child magazine. The school was also named a Washington State Designated Innovative School.

Talbot Hill Elementary School is part of the national MicroSociety program. In this program, students participate in a fully-functioning society. Students apply for jobs, earn money, pay taxes, and participate in government.

Each fall, the Talbot Hill Elementary School community elects a Legislature, comprised of a president, vice president, at-large members and senators and representatives from each grade level. Students work on a newspaper, run a post office, start small businesses, and manage a recycling center.

This unique school is made possible by parent and community support. Parents get involved to invest in the school and in their children's education. This includes spreading the word to the community about the needs of the school. The community's involvement is essential to the success of Talbot Hill Elementary and helps to build a generation of successful and innovative students.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the students, teachers, administrators, parents, and staff of Talbot Hill Elementary School. The school's groundbreaking educational techniques prepare students to be life-long learners and engaged members of their communities.

NATIONAL DAY FOR THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON TAIWAN

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on October 3, 2012, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, located in Washington, DC, will be celebrating the 101st National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan at the beautiful Twin Oaks Estate. I rise today in advance of this celebration to offer my continued praise and support of the U.S.-Taiwanese relationship and to acknowledge the good work of Jason Yuan, who after serving four years as Taiwan's Washington Representative is returning to Taiwan to continue his distinguished career by serving as Secretary General of the National Security Council. Mr. Yuan has worked tirelessly to further the mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

As the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan celebrate the 101st anniversary of their nation's founding, I congratulate them on their National Day and would like to commend